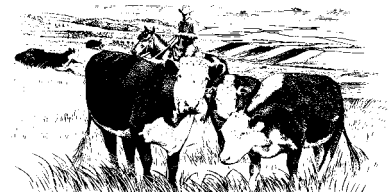


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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 420 thousand head on August 1, 2000, 2 percent above last month and 12 percent above August 1999. During July, placements of 60.0 thousand head were 9 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 45.0 thousand head were 10 percent below July 1999. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998. July 2000 had one less slaughter day than July 1999, which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings. Other disappearance totaled 44,000 during July, 15 percent below 1999 and 12 percent below 1998.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 11 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.18 million head on August 1, 2000. The inventory was 11 percent above August 1, 1999 and 13 percent above August 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.92 million, 6 percent above 1999, but 1 percent below 1998. Net placements were 1.87 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 424 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 366 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 597 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 530 thousand.

CATTLE ON FEED UP 12 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 8.81 million on August 1, 2000, up 12 percent from the previous year and 14 percent above August 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.67 million, 7 percent above 1999, but slightly below 1998. Marketings during July totaled 1.78 million, 2 percent below 1999, but 2 percent above 1998. July 2000 had one less slaughter day than July 1999, which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings. Other disappearance during July was 37.0 thousand head, 14 percent below 1999 and 10 percent below 1998.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed July 1 1/			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	198	274	138	23	24	26	35
California	375	410	109	55	60	50	45
Colorado	1,020	1,090	107	175	185	230	220
Iowa	310	345	111	32	40	50	54
Kansas	1,960	2,160	110	500	520	460	480
Nebraska	1,790	1,950	109	300	325	480	430
Texas	2,530	2,730	108	480	520	520	520
Seven-State Total	8,183	8,959	109	1,565	1,674	1,816	1,784
State	Other Disappearance During July 2/		Number on Feed August 1		2000/1999		
	1999	2000	1999	2000			
	1,000 Head					Percent	
Arizona	1	1	194	262	135		
California	5	5	375	420	112		
Colorado	5	5	960	1,050	109		
Iowa	2	1	290	330	114		
Kansas	10	10	1,990	2,190	110		
Nebraska	10	5	1,600	1,840	115		
Texas	10	10	2,480	2,720	110		
Seven-State Total	43	37	7,889	8,812	112		

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND U.S., JULY 1, 1999-2000 1/

Class	Canada 2/			United States 3/		
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	2000/1999
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	14,447	14,275	99	107,000	106,400	99
All Cows:	5,699	5,574	98	43,300	43,200	100
Beef	4,541	4,452	98	34,150	33,950	99
Milk	1,158	1,122	97	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	2,195	2,241	102	16,600	16,500	99
Beef Replacement	760	778	102	4,800	4,700	98
Milk Replacement	497	480	97	3,700	3,700	100
Other Heifers	939	984	105	8,100	8,100	100
Steers 500 Lbs. +	1,493	1,470	98	14,400	14,300	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	258	251	97	2,200	2,100	95
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	4,802	4,739	99	30,500	30,300	99
Calf Crop	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	2000/1999
	5,156	4,266	4/	38,710	38,900	100

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

3/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

4/ January-June calf crop for 2000 only.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during July 2000 totaled 83.1 million pounds (dressed weight), down 9 percent from last month and 3 percent below July 1999. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2000, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,233 pounds; calves, 164 pounds; and hogs 214 pounds.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

VEAL AND LAMB & MUTTON SET RECORD LOWS FOR JULY

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.64 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 3.78 billion pounds produced in July 1999.

July 1999 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. July 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, down 4 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year to 1,220 pounds.

Veal production totaled 18.0 million pounds, 2 percent below the previous record low for July set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 99.0 thousand head, down 11 percent from July 1999. The average live weight, at 305 pounds, was 26 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.41 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.36 million head, 7 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.0 million pounds, was down 9 percent from the previous record low for July set last year. Sheep slaughter totaled 243 thousand head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 2 pounds from July a year ago.

January-July red meat production was 26.5 billion pounds, just below the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was down 3 percent, and lamb and mutton were down 2 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 1999-2000 1/

Class and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Avg. Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	81.1	81.3	99,764	100,183	1,231	1,233
U.S.	3,082.9	2,962.1	3,717,527	3,613,481	1,206	1,220
CALVES						
California	16.2	10.3	2,164	1,688	134	164
U.S.	110.9	98.8	30,891	30,179	279	305
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
U.S.	265.2	243.2	34,937	31,577	132	130
HOGS						
California	191.1	173.3	40,708	37,055	213	214
U.S.	7,907.6	7,356.3	2,025,988	1,904,912	256	259
RED MEAT	July 1999	June 2000 2/	July 2000	July 2000 July 1999	July 2000 June 2000	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	85.4	90.8	83.1	97	91	
U.S.	3,780.7	3,940.6	3,643.3	96	92	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised total for June 2000.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

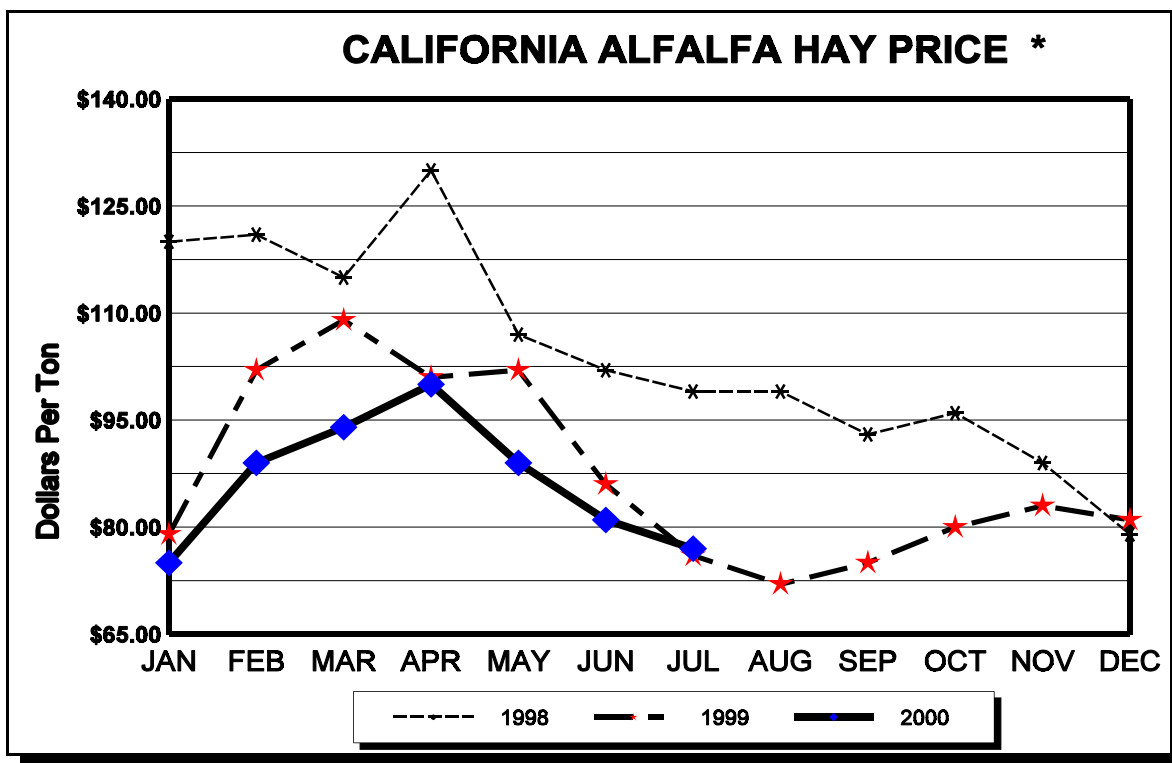
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		July 1999	June 2000	July 15, 2000	July 1999	June 2000	July 15, 2000
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	74.00	81.00	77.00	78.40	82.50	80.20
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	76.00	81.00	76.00	82.00	85.70	84.50
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	31.60	48.60	49.20
Cows 2/	Cwt.	36.50	37.50	37.50	37.70	40.00	39.80
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	63.00	70.00	70.00	65.20	71.50	71.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	76.00	90.50	94.00	89.20	104.00	106.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	26.00	28.00	---	32.00	30.00	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	75.50	90.00	---	77.00	89.70	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,360.00	---	1,500.00	1,280.00	---	1,350.00
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.28	11.50	11.80	13.80	12.20	12.70

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



* Includes All Qualities

Source: California Agricultural Statistic Service